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SUBJECT: DAVIES TRIAL

REF: NICOSIA 1286

1. IN ADDITION TO INCIDENT REPORTED REFTEL, WHEREIN AS
IMPORTANT PROSECUTION WITNESS, MAJOR CHR. TSANGARIS WAS
APPROACHED DURING A COURTROOM RECESS BY KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS
AND DRAWN INTO A CONVERSATION REGARDING HIS TESTIMONY, THERE
HAVE BEEN TWO OTHER INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE CAUSED US CONCERN.

2. IN ONE, HARRIS EVANGELIDES, THE FSL EMPLOYEE WHO WILL
TESTIFY SHORTLY THAT HE WAS WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIES IN THE
EMBASSY HALLWAY WHEN THE AMBASSADOR WAS FATALLY SHOT, HAS
ADVISED PHERSON OF A RECENT INCIDENT WHICH HAS LEFT HIM AND
HIS WIFE QUITE FRIGHTENED. ON SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 8, THE DAY
PRECEDING THE OPENING OF THE DAVIES TRIAL, EVANGELIDES WAS
VISITED BY TWO ACQUAINTANCES HE KNOWS TO BE EOKA-B SUPPORTERS.
HE SURMISED THEY HAD BEEN SENT BY MANOLIS CHRISTOPHIDES,
THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR KTIMATIAS. THEY DISCUSSED THE
IMMINENT TRIAL AND TOLD EVANGELIDES IT WOULD BE "VERY
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HELPFUL" IF HE WOULD CONFIRM THAT AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE
WAS DIRECTED FROM THE EMBASSY TOWARDS THE DEMONSTRATORS.
EVANGELIDES TOLD THEM HE BELIEVED THE EMBASSY HAD NO
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND, FURTHERMORE, HE HAD HEARD NO FIRING
WHICH COULD HAVE COME FROM THE EMBASSY. HIS VISITORS THEN
ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD TESTIFY THAT HE HAD HEARD, OR WAS
AWARE THAT SOMEONE AT THE EMBASSY HAD FIRED A FIREARM OF

SOME TYPE FROM AN EMBASSY WINDOW TOWARDS THE DEMONSTRATORS.
AGAIN, EVANGELIDES REPLIED THAT HE KNEW OF NO SUCH INCIDENT.
PHERSON TOLD EVANGELIDES THAT HE MUST NOT PERJURE HIMSELF,
AND SINCE HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FIRING FROM THE EMBASSY
HE MUST NOT ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE DRAWN INTO ANY SPECULATIVE
LINE OF INQUIRY CONCERNING POSSIBLE FIRING FROM THE EMBASSY.

3. IN THE OTHER INCIDENT THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REPORT
FROM A SOURCE WE REGARD AS RELIABLE THAT THE NICOSIA PRISONS
WARDER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS, DELIVERED
A VERBAL MESSAGE FROM KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS TO THE TWO PROS-
ECUTORS, WARNING THEM TO "BE VERY CAREFUL" NOT TO BE TOO
ZEALOUS IN PURSUING THEIR DUTIES AT THE TRIAL.

4. ON MAY 14 WE BROUGHT THE GIST OF THE THREE INCIDENTS
TO THE ATTENTION OF FONOFF DIRGEN PELAGHIAS, EXPRESSING OUR
CONCERN AT THESE ATTEMPTS TO TAMPER WITH WITNESSES AND OBSTRUCT
JUSTICE. PELAGHIAS SAID HE SHARED OUR CONCERN AND WOULD LOOK
INTO THE MATTER AT ONCE.
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